

Courtside

Spring 2023



Welcome to our new and returning members!

Wasaga Beach Pickleball Club is a growing club, run completely by volunteers. We work hard to provide a fun, social, and competitive pickleball community.

In the 2022 season, our club grew exponentially, and by the end of the season we had over 275 members. As pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America, we expect to welcome even more members to our club this season. With a growing club, comes growing pains. We completely understand that court times are at a premium, and WBPC is hoping that the town will continue to invest in our beloved sport. As a result, members of the Wasaga Beach Recreation Department are planning to join WBPC at our Wasaga Pickleball Meeting on May 15th, 2023 at 6:00 pm at LCC Church located at 800 Sunnidale Rd. Please plan to attend to discuss and learn about our club in a respectful and inclusive environment.

If you cannot attend the meeting, the 2023 Executive would like to introduce ourselves to you, in case we happen to meet on or off the courts. On the last page of this publication, you will find short biographies of the WBPC Executive. Please enjoy the pictures and write ups they provided!

Intercounty Pickleball League Announcement

WBPC is excited to announce that we have created, and organized, the first Simcoe County Intercounty Pickleball League. The following clubs have bravely accepted our challenge: Midland, Barrie, Georgian Triangle and Georgian Peaks. This means that these clubs will create their own teams to compete at our courts, and in return, they will host the WBPC team at their courts. These tournaments will have a small fee of \$10 per player for each date, and will include a limited number of spaces for players at various levels. Please keep an eye on your inbox, and our Facebook page, to see when registration will open, and to put your name forward to represent WBPC at one or more of these events. Spaces will be limited, and all spots will be determined by the registrar. We will also require volunteers to help run these tournaments. Please consider helping out! If this is a success, we will plan more of these events for the 2024 season. A huge thank you to our club pro, Cam Taylor, of Taylored Pickleball Academy, for sponsoring this league!

Upcoming Events

Wasaga Pickleball Meeting

May 15th, 2023

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

800 Sunnidale Rd

WBPC Learn to Play

Begins May 31st, 2023

6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Register through Town of Wasaga Beach

WBPC Skills and Drills

Begins June 5, 2023

7:00 pm - 8:00pm

Registration will open soon

Beginners Tournament

Under 55

June 17, 2023

9:00 am

Register through Town of Wasaga Beach

Beginners Tournament

Over 55

June 18, 2023

9:00 am

Register through Town of Wasaga Beach

Intercounty League

Wasaga vs Midland

Wasaga Courts

June 24th, 2023

9:00am - 1:00 pm

Registration will open soon



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Call for Volunteers



In order to run our various projects, we need our members to step up and assist. Volunteering can benefit both the club and the volunteer. It allows you to make a positive impact, develop new skills, meet new people, and gain a sense of fulfillment. The following volunteer positions are needed in order for new programs to run this season: Court Convenors, Male Ladder League Assistant, Tournament Committee Members, Intercountry League Captain, "9 to 5ers" Intermediate League Captain. These positions can be shared with others who express interest. If no one volunteers, these programs will not run this season. Please consider volunteering your time to help make our club one that is Alan Carter describes as "envied by the nation." Email info@wasagabeachpickleballclub.ca

Ladder Leagues

WBPC is organizing separate intermediate male and female ladder leagues. A pickleball ladder is a system for ranking individuals based on the tracked number of matches they win or lose. As individuals play others, they gain or lose points. The more points an individual has, the higher on the ladder they climb. Think of it as King/Queen of the Court. This will help people to establish and identify others who are at their skill level, and provide more competitive, and social play for our members. There will be a small charge of \$20 per player to participate in the league for the entire season. As we only have four courts, registration will be limited and restricted to those above the 3.0 level. If this is a success, we will plan more ladder leagues in the 2024 season. Please watch your email inbox, and our Facebook page, for registration information. Thank you to Beach Chiropractic and Wellness Centre for sponsoring the Ladies Ladder League!

WBPC Skills and Drills Clinic

We are hoping to run a four week session on Tuesday evenings, 7 - 8 pm by experienced WBPC members. Registration will be limited to 12 WBPC members who are looking for more consistency with the more difficult shots. There will be a small charge of \$15 to secure your spot for the month. If this goes well, we will add more of these clinics to the schedule to meet member demand. Please watch your email inbox, and our Facebook page, for registration information.



SEEKING SPONSORS

for the 2023 season

Why should you donate to WBPC?

Donating money to the Wasaga Beach Pickleball Club can help us continue to provide valuable services and support to our community. Your donation can help us fund tournaments, leagues, and clinics. Our club is also in the process of fundraising \$100 000, in hopes of purchasing outdoor lights, so that more members of our community can access the many social and athletic benefits that come from playing pickleball. By giving to our club, you can contribute to the greater good of our community, and our sport.

In exchange for your donation, WBPC will ensure that your name (or business name)

- appears in our Courtside newsletter
- our social media posts
- is verbally thanked at club events



If you (or your business) is interested in donating to the Wasaga Beach Pickleball Club, please email info@wasagabeachpickleballclub.ca



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Current 2023 Sponsors!



Engage Pickleball Discount!



Many members travel to the Sunny South to extend their pickleball seasons. These members are all very familiar with the Engage Pickleball brand, and have turned to their paddles and other products to meet their pickleball needs. WBPC is happy to announce that we have secured demo paddles to be utilized and demo'd by our members this season. If you try one, love it, and want to purchase an Engage paddle, we have also secured a 20% discount for all WBPC members. The code, to be utilized online only, is: **20wbpc**. These paddles are shipped directly from Florida, so we have the opportunity to put in a group order once this season, in order to save on shipping and customs. If you are interested, please email info@wasagabeachpickleballclub.ca and we will work with our members to get those paddles into your hands.

The Engage Pickleball website is: <https://engagepickleball.com/>

Have a question? A volunteer will get back to you.
Email us at info@wasagabeachpickleballclub.ca

Our Facebook group is updated regularly by our volunteers
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wasagabeachpickleball>





Meet the Executive of WBPC

Chuck Burgoyne, President

I have been playing for 10 years. I love everything about this sport - the competition, the exercise, the people I play with, and the high I get after a couple of good hours of play.



Carlvin Renwick, Co-Treasurer

10 years ago, I thought pickleball was for old people. However, when I started playing in 2015, I fell in love with this sport, and it is what has kept me young!



Aimee Bishop, Communications Director

I originally started playing pickleball 1.5 years ago, so I could beat my mom at her own game. Since then, I have achieved that goal, but have also realized how great the social and physical aspects are of the game. I'm hooked! Pickle on!



Cam Taylor, Club Pro

My uncle first introduced me to the sport 14 years ago. My love and passion for the sport has now led me to the coaching and business side of pickleball. I love to help players improve their game, create confidence and guide them in how to be more successful on the court.



Alan Carter, Player Development

Playing for 8 years has made me realize that the best thing about Pickleball is the people; no matter where you go they are very welcoming and fun to be with.

See you on the courts!



Wayne Browning, Director-at-large

Picking up my first paddle on May 5, 2015, changed my life for the better. It has been very rewarding watching the club grow from a small club, playing on borrowed courts, to working with the town to create a dedicated pickleball facility!



Clare Carter, Social Committee

Pickleball is such a rewarding game - challenging our wit and physical abilities in a fun, social setting. It can definitely become an obsession!



Owen McEachnie, Co-Treasurer

Also known as "The Grandfather of Pickleball", Owen has, and continues to be, a key member of our club in all financial and executive decisions.



Open Vacancy, Secretary

Have you considered joining the Executive?

Please email

info@wasagabeachpickleballclub.ca to put

your name forward

